

Labor Camp At Alondra Park Is Approved

Presidential Sanction Is Given To Allocation of Three Projects

Presidential approval has been given to allocation of labor camps for Alondra Park, Val Verde Park and for the Santa Susana mountain areas, and the necessary papers were to be signed Tuesday of this week in San Francisco.

To immediately clinch the allocation, the board of supervisors authorized L. S. Percy and Arthur Bridgman, of the county forestry department, to go to the northern city Monday night to sign the necessary papers on behalf of the county.

The forestry department has been operating state labor camps in the three areas for some weeks, making improvements in Alondra Park, just north of Torrance, and in Val Verde Park, in the Santa Clara valley. The Santa Susana camp workers have been constructing fire motorways and other fire protection facilities in the Santa Susana mountains.

Notification of the presidential approval came to Spence D. Turner, county forester, from H. A. R. Carleton, administrative assistant to Frank Y. McLaughlin, state WPA administrator, late last week. Carleton is directly in charge of state labor camps under the WPA.

Santa Monica Breakwater Creates Serious Beach Erosion Problem

Studies looking toward a permanent solution of the beach erosion problem which has resulted from construction of the Santa Monica yacht harbor breakwater were under way today, following an inspection of the beach erosion problem at Santa Barbara.

Los Angeles county and city officials found the situation at Santa Barbara much more serious than anticipated. Beach frontage for a distance of nine miles down the coast from the breakwater has drifted away until there is practically no beach left, the officials and engineers found.

If this condition should be repeated along Los Angeles county's coast line as an ultimate result of the Santa Monica breakwater, nine miles to the south would bring the damage as far south as Manhattan and Hermosa beaches, it was pointed out today.

On the other hand, there still remains to be constructed some kind of jetties for the Ballona Creek outlet. Should this contemplated work, which would extend practically straight out into the ocean for several hundred feet, cause similar action on the city and county beach areas for nine miles south, damage would extend down below Redondo Beach, to the city of Torrance, engineers said.

While the Santa Monica breakwater is built parallel with the coast line, instead of at right angles to the coast line, sand already has begun to accumulate around the breakwater. The problem may not become as serious as at Santa Barbara, however, where the breakwater at right angles to the coast has caused sand to fill in north of it, extending the width of the beach out to the end of the breakwater. Sand carried by ocean currents moves in a southerly direction all along the Southern California coast.

The San Francisco business meeting was expected to extend into the latter part of the week, with a number of projects to come up for final approval, in undetermined order.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE FAMOUS
Hetty Green, capitalist and great woman financier, was born November 21, 1835.

Keeping Up With Torrance High

By RAY DAVIS

Issued for the students on November 14 was the November number of the Flame, which is the monthly magazine of the school. Its very attractive cover was made by Jack Javens. It contains a complete sports write up of every football game played by Torrance this season. It gives an account of the activities and clubs, has poems about Hallowe'en and Thanksgiving, contains a crossword puzzle and other special features.

The magazine is a printshop project and is written by the publications group under the direction of Mr. Andrews.

A week ago Tuesday was the demonstration day for the language department. Mrs. Boynton and Mrs. Morse were hostesses. Mrs. Morse presented her B10 Latin class, which is organized as a club and which conducts its meetings in Latin. For original work they presented posters illustrating English words derived from Latin ones. Reports and a reading lesson were also given. The feature of the day was when Peggy Olson illustrated the Roman method of mathematical calculations on the fingers.

Mrs. Boynton presented her Spanish period III and period V classes. First their conversation and drill work were shown. Then came two skits, one by each class. The Spanish III class gave De Viaje.

La Partida, which was an original skit, was the presentation of the Spanish V group.

The staff for the 1936 Annual has been selected by Miss Burnham as follows:

Editor, Adeline Morisset; associate editor, Francis Shibuya; classes, Ruth Nagayama; campus life, Bettie Dalton; faculty, Vida Jones; humor, Mildred Hitchcock; advertising manager, Harry Bell; subscriptions, Ray Davis; girls' athletics, Ray Stidel; boys' athletics, Eileen Miles.

Voting day was Tuesday. It was also the day on which the high school acted as host to many visiting parents and friends. The recent demonstration being such a success, it was thought that the parents might enjoy seeing it too, consequently they were invited on November 19. The day was most interesting and many classes were invited. Mrs. Grace Morse repeated her Latin demonstration; Miss Burnham's class gave their five original plays on Colonial life; Mrs. Young's, their discussion on "Women in Industry"; Mrs. Boynton's, their two Spanish plays; and Miss Irene Mills, the "Elizabethan Solution For Youth's Problems of Today."

Another third Monday in the month came around on November 18 and in its footsteps came the Torrensic Forum meeting. In the meeting a new treasurer was elected, Florence Buchman. The meeting was then turned over to the program chairman who introduced Miss Vaubel. During the summer, in company with Miss Collier, she had visited Mexico, and it was the privilege of the club to hear her talk on her trip.

Mazatlan, the capital of Sonora, was the first place she talked of. In her talk she mentioned the dress of the people, market, the street urchins, the cathedrals and the appearance of the streets. An interesting fact is that the harbor of Mazatlan is often so rough that freight and people have to be transported to the mainland by cables. Miss Vaubel also visited the Indians and found them very primitive in dress, through all these years they have progressed very little. Miss Vaubel had picked up some Indian lacquer work and exhibited it to the Forum and told how it was made.

Nine different schools which were represented at the district scholarship banquet held at Torrance Friday night contributed a large part toward the success of this event. Sitting down to a beautifully decorated table adorned with turkey and all the fixings, seems to appeal to all. Laura Mae Hyde, Gertrude Mowry, Norma Semetter and Bettie Dalton supplied the entertainment, which was followed by a discussion in which all schools took part.

To Keep Autoists In Their Places



Now orange center lines are being painted on the tops of numerous state highway grades and around hazardous curves to keep motorists on their own side of the road. To diminish the dangers of head-on collisions, the state highway department has ordered signs like this from the Automobile Club of Southern California and the California State Automobile Association, which are now posting them. State Patrolman C. M. Martin is here pointing a significant warning that the new rule must be obeyed.

Oil From Ships Kills Birds
TORONTO, Ont. (U.P.)—Millions of wild birds are killed by oil discharged by oil-burning vessels on the ocean. Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, New York delegate to the American Ornithologists' Union convention, revealed in an interview here.

Pretty Girls His Undoing
CHICAGO. (U.P.)—Attendants at the John Crower library investigated when they saw George Russel Gerardin, 31, industriously cutting pictures of pretty girls from travel magazines. Gerardin was arrested and sentenced to 30 days.

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